REMARKS

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-9 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Falcon et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,295,556). The applicant believes that Falcon et al. fails to teach, suggest, or disclose all of the limitations of claims 10-17 of the present invention.

Claims 10, 13, and 15 enable switching between communication devices without the need to perform a complicated and troublesome setting operation. Falcon et al. discloses a system for managing devices, such as a modem and a network card, by use of configuration information. Falcon et al. fails to disclose, teach or suggest:

The limitations of claim 10,

"a plurality of communication devices;

a registry configured to store operational state information concerning each of the plurality of communication devices; a switching module configured to switch the operational state information in the registry;

a hardware control section configured to control the plurality of communication devices in accordance with the switched operational state information stored in the registry and adding or deleting the communication devices without stopping operational system."

The limitations of claim 13,

"changing operational state information concerning each of plurality of communication devices stored in a registry to stop temporarily each of the plurality of communication devices;

stopping each of the plurality of communication devices in accordance with the changed operational state information stored in the registry;

changing the operational state information in the registry to start at least one of the plurality of communication devices after each of the plurality of communication devices is stopped; and

starting the at least one of the plurality of communication devices in accordance with the changed operational state information stored in the registry,"

Nor the limitations of claim 15,

"a registry configured to store operational state information concerning each of plurality of communication devices connected to the switching control system;

a first computer code device configured to change the operational state information in the registry;

a second computer code device configured to control the plurality of communication devices in accordance with the changed operational state information stored in the registry and adding or deleting the communication devices without stopping an operational system."

Claims 10, 13, and 15 are therefore not anticipated, nor rendered obvious by Falcon et al. Applicants therefore respectfully request the allowance of claims 10 – 17.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing remarks, Applicants respectfully request the reconsideration and reexamination of this application and the timely allowance of the pending claims. The preceding arguments are based only on the arguments in the Office Action, and therefore do not address patentable aspects of the invention that were not addressed by the Examiner in the Office Action. The claims may include other elements that are not shown, taught, or suggested by the cited art. Accordingly, the preceding argument in favor of patentability is advanced without prejudice to other bases of patentability.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request the timely allowance of the pending claims.

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